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LOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR SECRETARY  
DULLES' TRIP TO THE NEAR EAST

Communist agitation in Egypt and India and demonstrations among the 850,000 Arab refugees will probably greet Secretary Dulles when he visits these areas in May [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The governments concerned will take every precaution to keep the situation in hand, but Communist and extremist exploitation of the increasing unrest among Arab refugees could produce a demonstration beyond the control of the authorities.

In Cairo, Communists plan to welcome Dulles with a mass protest by the families of political internees. The Egyptian people will be called on to denounce Dulles and dismiss the US-supported Nagib government. In New Delhi, the pro-Communist All-India Peace Council has issued a circular denouncing the trip, and the council further suggests public meetings and the adoption of resolutions urging Dulles not to come.

Arab leaders in Nablus, Jordan, have reportedly prepared a memorandum describing the plight and the demand of the refugees to be presented when Dulles reaches Cairo. A mass

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demonstration by 20,000 refugees is planned for his arrival in Beirut. It would presumably be similar to one staged during the recent visit of American journalists.

Communist leaders in Hebron, Jordan, reportedly will promote pessimism among the refugees regarding the value of the trip. They also will stress the fact that the aim of the visit is to establish a Middle East defense organization and will spread the idea that the trip is a failure.

Communism is not a direct threat to the stability of any Arab state or to India. In the past, however, hard-core Communists in Jordan have organized anti-Western and anti-UN demonstrations among the refugees. They also have cooperated with the followers of the ex-Grand Mufti of Jerusalem and the Moslem Brotherhood in organizing terrorist cells in some refugee camps. The exploitation of the refugee problem has been made easier by the deteriorating morale of the refugees and the consequent growing unrest. The latter has reached such proportions that many observers believe that violent disturbances may develop at any time.

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